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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment for whole turkeys steady to fully steady with hens in tightest position. Trading and demand light to moderate, sales for prompt shipment reported at steady levels. Offerings light to adequate with toms in the Midwest adequate or available. Parts and meats trading mixed.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading slow for exports. Limited sales to Mexico on fresh and frozen thigh meat, and to Asia on drums and mechanically separated turkey.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 23, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-78	77	77.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77	-	-	-	78.00	20	OCT	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	-	-	-	75.00	20	OCT	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-78	77	77.00	360	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	72-75	74	74.00	180	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.
3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF SEPT. 24, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	77.50 **	75.42	67.88
CENTRAL REGION	77.00	75.90 **	65.60 **
WESTERN REGION	76.83	75.80 **	66.20 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	72.80 **	74.00	71.00
CENTRAL REGION	74.00	73.00	68.60 **
WESTERN REGION	72.00	72.40 **	69.50 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	95-97
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	95-97
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	79-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	79-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	79-81

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-95
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-95
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-95
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-95
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-104

<u>FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT</u>	U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 27-SEP-99			
	(8-16#)		(16-24#)	
	HENS	LBS	TOMS	LBS
	PRICE	(000)	PRICE	(000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	81.00	80		
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	81.00	80		
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 11-Sep-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

---YOUNG TURKEYS---				FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
THOUSAND	PW	AVG		RSTR	BAND		AVG
HEAD	% CHG	WT		---THOUSAND	HEAD---		WT
N EAST	362	-68	24.32	NONE	NONE	362	24.32
S ATL	446	-57	26.90	(A)	(A)	462	26.81
N CENT	2,284	15	27.51	(A)	(A)	2,308	27.48
S CENT	687	47	20.64	(A)	(A)	692	20.68
WEST	190	-57	26.88	(A)	(A)	193	26.77
U.S.TOTAL	3,969(B)-22	25.93		0	48	4,017	25.91
TO DATE							
1999	172,850(B)			55	1,295	174,200	
TO DATE							
1998	181,191(B)			72	1,337	182,600	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 6,000 for the year 546,000; last year to date 942,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 11-Sep-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	3,969	48	4,017
AVGWT	0.00	25.93	24.60	25.91
LAST WEEK	0	5,082	35	5,117
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,235	12	4,247
AVGWT	0.00	25.14(A)	26.25	25.15
TO-DATE/1999	55	172,850(A)	1,295	174,200
TO-DATE/1998	72	181,191(A)	1,337	182,600

(A) Includes 546,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 942,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 11-Sep-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 190 HD, 5,107 LBS,
 TO DATE 11,993 HD, 289,491 LBS; OLD 3 HD, TO DATE 194 HD;
 TOTAL 193 HD, TO DATE 12,187 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS
 AUGUST 485,366 *
 SEPTEMBER 1-11, 1999 140,785 *

To date 1999 3,565,532 *
 To date 1998 3,648,124 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 23 SEPTEMBER 1999.

Trade sentiment fully steady to firm on 4-8 lb. breasts and destrapped tenderloins steady to barely steady, mostly steady with some buyers attempting to buy at lower price levels. Dark meat items and full-cut wing trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Demand light to fair.

Trading light with increased activity noted on frozen mechanically separated turkey (MST) at the 19-20 cent price level, fresh MST light. Plant grade 12-14 lb. breasts: (2 loads) 120 shipping point, (1 load) 125 delivered, fresh destrapped tenderloins (1 load) 175 cents for current shipments.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	102.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	125.00	1,116
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	99.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	4
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	2
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00		20.00	54
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00		23.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	52.00	9
NECKS, TOM	17.00		17.00	12
NECKS, HEN		W	15.50	3
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	170.00		170.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	188.88	680
THIGH MEAT	59.00		59.00	2
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	56.60	50
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	110.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	72.00	40
TENDERLOINS		W	158.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	57.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.14	140
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	17.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00		16.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	18.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.50	104
TAILS		W	13.00	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.50		20.50	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	58.25	208

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 24 SEPTEMBER 1999.

Undertone fully steady to firm hen 2-joint wings and tom necks for October with trading at higher price levels. Thigh meat undertone fully steady with the increased fresh trading due in part to last week's hurricane. Tom breast meat undertone steady to barely steady on fresh, frozen barely steady at best with trading at 155 cents delivered November. Rib breast trading light on Grade A 12-14 lb. at 138 and 14-16 lb. 148, plant grade 10-12 lb. at 120 and 12-14 lb. 135, fresh destrapped tenderloins (part loads) 174-178. Fresh thigh meat (1 load) 63 cents delivered export. Line run fresh +20 lb. canner pack 52 cents.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	102.00	80	102.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	125.00	1,116	125.00	1,116
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	103.00		103.00	40	103.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	17.00		17.00	2	17.92	291
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	18.00	2	18.00	2
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.00-20.00		19.73	15	19.58	176
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00		22.00	4	22.94	68
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	54.00		54.00	40	54.00	40
NECKS, TOM	17.00-20.00		19.73	44	18.17	92
NECKS, HEN		W	15.50	3	15.50	3
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	160.00-170.00		161.67	240	163.64	440
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	185.00-191.00		189.00	320	188.68	1,065
THIGH MEAT	60.00		60.00	40	59.95	42
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	57.00-62.00		58.74	190	58.74	190
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	110.00	40		
SCAPULA MEAT	75.00		75.00	40	73.50	80
TENDERLOINS		W	158.00	40	158.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	174.00		174.00	20	174.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	55.00-57.00		55.76	161	55.90	181
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	20	19.13	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-18.00		17.33	120	17.37	190

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00-19.00		17.87	92	18.44	1,172
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	18.00	52	18.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.50	104	22.50	104
TAILS		W	13.00	240	13.00	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	23.00		23.00	40	20.44	424
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	61.00		61.00	40	58.81	404

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